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THE TARES.

GORDON NOEL HURTEL

I know the Angel Reapers some day must garner where This mortal has been sowing for Glory or despair;

And when the harvest's ready the Householder will call, Before the Reaper's sickles the ripened grain must fall. And I-I must be waiting with stew-

ardship complete
Within my field allotted for golden sheaves of wheat. The seed I've sown in duty to Him who giveth life. The seed I've sown in sorrow, in struggles and in strife.

The seed that Love was sowing upon s Summer day, The seed of disappointment that I have cast away, those I have sown in pleasure when Joy was on the wing,

I fear, alas, the harvest will find my sheaves too few, passed the time forever to sow the

Are for the Resper's growing and must

listen, Angel Reapers, before hear you call: Enemy has stolen within my Garden wall-The Garden I have tended that was

my all, my own! The tares, my God, are growing too thickly where I've sown. -Atlanta Constitution.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

- Ask what ye will; but in your asking do not forget to ask for a liber-

- Faith draws the poison from every grief and takes the sting from - It is the struggle, and not the

attainment, that measures character and foreshadows destiny. -Dr. Mun-"Good temper, like a sunny day, sheds a brightness over every

thing. It is the the sweetener of toil and the soother of disquietude." - If the congregation, of which

your are a member, were divided, the drones being placed on one side of the line and workers on the other, where do you think the Lord would place

- Blessed is the man who has the gift of making many friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, and above all the power of going out of one's self and seeing and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another man. - Thomas

- "Love is appreciated, not so much by what it does as by what it longs and tries to do. 'For love is of God, and he that loveth is born of God and knoweth God.' Love transfers the base charcoal of human nature into the diamond which reflects the radiance of duty."

- There is no genius like the genius for work. The men who are acceeding are men with the talent for toil. This is true in the world's work, This is true in God's work. Attention and work, these are the conditions for prosperity and pleasant years. Would we have prosperity and pleasantness as the years come and go? Let us attend unto God, let us serve Him in sincerity and truth.—Rev. Daniel H.

The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of New York city for the week shows: Loans, \$879,871, 500; decrease, \$2,065,500. Deposits. \$873,731,200; decrease, \$6,031,400. Circulation, \$45,560,700; increase, 54,100. Legal tenders, \$67,960,400; increase, \$666,800. Specie. \$158,859,300. decrease, \$3,761,500. Reserves \$226,819,-700; decrease \$3,094,700. Reserve reuired, \$218,432,800, decrease, \$1,507,

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HEARINGS ON THE ANTI-TRUST BILLS

Begun Before the Sub-Committee on Judiciary of House - Morrell's Resolution Approved by President

By Telegraph to the Morning Sta WASHINGTON, Dec 13. - Hearings were begue to-day before the Sub-com mittee on Judiciary of the House, consisting of Representatives Littlefield. of Maine; Overstreet, of Indiana; Powers, of Massachusetts; Dearmond, of

Missouri, and Clayton, of Alabams, on

the anti-trust bills. Representative Morrell, of Pennsylvania, who has introduced a resolution appropriating \$250,000 for the use of the Attorney General in enforcing the Sherman anti-trust law, stated that he had shown his resolution to the Attorney General, who, he said, was favorable to it. Mr. Morrell also said that he had shown the resolution to the President, who authorized him to say that he was heartily in favor of its pro-visions. Mr. Morrell explained that the President, however, had no thought of dictating in any way to the commit

Representative Gillette, of Massa husetts, explained the purpose of his bill, which provides for the seizure and condemnation of any property"owned or manufactured under any contract or by any trust or combination, or pursuant to any conspiracy forbidden by aws of a State and being in the course of transportation from such State to another State. A maximum penalty of \$20,000 fine or five years' imprisonment is imposed.

Representative H. C. Smith, lichigan, who introduced in the House a joint resolution proposing an mendment to the constitution of the United States conferring upon Congress the power to regulate and dis solve trusts and monopolies, submitted an argument in favor of his bill the purpose being to clothe Congress with power to act when deemed neces-

Representative Shallenberger, Nebrasks, was heard in support of his bill providing for the appointment of a non-partisan commission to investigate the subject of corporations and the effects of their formation upon the market, and report results to Congress. His bill also requires the publication of reports showing the condition of corporations, and requires corpora-tions to file statements with the commission. Penalties are provided for non-compliance with the provisions of the bill and for false returns.

Representative Sulzer, of New York. explained the provisions of a bill which he has introduced, the points of which were stated in recent dispatches. am in line to-day with the President of the United States," said Mr. Sulzer, 'on the trust question and want to see this Congress do something in line with his recommendations.

Representative Bell, of Colorado, was next heard. He is author of a bill requiring corporations baving a capital stock of \$100,000 or more to file nual statements under oath giving de tailed information regarding their condition, financial and otherwise. The secretary is authorized under the bill to make rules and regulations which will enable him to obtain a complete exposition of the methods of corporations in their dealings with the public, alse returns.

After hearing Joseph Nimme, Jr. the committee adjourned until Tuesday, when further hearings will be

BUCKINGHAM WAS TAKEN.

They Had Him Sure Before Curtain and Actor Went Down. During the first year of my travels as an actor I joined a troupe that was presenting Shakespearean tragedy. We senting Shakespearean tragedy. We were playing in one of the provincial cities of England when a new actor, an nexperienced amateur, joined the company and was assigned the role of Catesby in which to make his debut in the play of "Richard the Third." During the progress of the piece one of his

new lines is after a quick entrance addressed to King Richard, and he says: "My lord, the Duke of Buckingham s taken!" I can remember that on the night of his first appearance he was frightfully

nervous and was anxious to proclaim the fact that the Duke of Buckingham was taken, as he had been practicing and studying it for several weeks. The result was that he got the wrong cue and made his entrance before time crying out:

"My lord, the Duke of Buckingham s taken!" Richard turned to him and in an un lertone said: "Get off! Get off! You're

too soon." The actor left the stage mortified and more "rattled" than ever, so that scarcely was he in the wings before he again made the same mistake and again proclaimed' that the Duke of Buckingham was taken. Richard turned upon him for the second time and told him to leave the stage. He also whispered, "Somebody take care of that idiot and tell him when to make his entrance."

The prompter grabbed the actor by the hand and when the proper time came said: "Now is your time. Tell Richard he's taken." The actor rushed upon the stage, hos

itated, looked at Richard and then in a wild tone of voice exclaimed: "We have him, by heaven, and we have him sure!"

I believe the curtain went down, and if I remember rightly, the curtain was not the only thing that went down .- J. H. Stoddard in Saturday Evening Post.

THE LOST CHILD.

Dramatic Incident at an Ocean Grove Experience Meeting. It had been an experience meeting Ten thousand people were assembled in the great auditorium by the sea. There had been the handshake, the waving of bandkerchiefs, the bymn, the prayer, the word which told the spiritual history of many a soul.

The bishop stood upon the platform in the act of pronouncing the benediction. Emotion was at its height. It seemed as if a spiritual wave had swept over the multitude, wrapping it in a divine caress.

At that moment a little child was passed up to the platform, and the bishop took it in his arms. "Lost child," were the whispered words. The baby put its dimpled arms about the bishop's neck and laid its head upon his shoulder, its yellow curls mingling with his gray hair.

"Lost child," said the bishop in his deep, sympathetic voice. "Does any one in the audience know this baby or to whom it belongs? Will the father or mother come and claim it?" There was silence, and the baby nestled closer, and the women who sat

near said, "Oh!" Then a man was seen making his way to the altar. It was the baby's father. Instantly the child stretched out its arms to go to him. Then as he gave it up the bishop said:

"There are 10,000 lost souls in Ocean Grove. The Father's arms are waiting to receive them. So go to your Father's outstretched arms as has this little child."-Detroit Free Press.

NEW COMPLICATION AT VENEZUELA.

Italy Expected to Join Germany and Great Britain in Their Demands.

BRITISH STEAMER SEIZED.

Vessel Pillaged by Populace at Puerto Cabello and Afterwards Released-Castro Takes a New Attitude-Patriotic Demonstrations

By Cable to the Morning star. CARACAS, Dec. 13.-A new complication has arisen. It is feared that Italy will deliver a memorandum asking for the same treatment as demanded by Great Britain and Germany. Up to the present moment it is impossible to obtain definite information on the matter, but the Italian legation denies the delivery of any

pitimatum. The news of the arrival of the British commodore, Montgomery, at La Guaira has created excitement at Caracas, but up to 5 o'clock to-night the authorities here have no knowledge of his design. In government circles it is believed that a notification of the blockade of the Venezuelan coasts

will be transmitted. It is learned from a government source that on the advice of Minister Bowen a calm and cool attitude for twenty-four hours more has been advccated and that if the Anglo-German orces are disembarked at LaGuaira he troops at the fort and in the new ly erected redoubts will not fire on them, the object being to obtain time for Washington to answer as to the proposal for arbitration made to Berin and London.

President Castro has taken up a new attitude. Strong in Venezuela's rights, he has ordered that reprisals are to cease, and yesterday he gave instructions that all the property of the British and German railroads and British telephone companies should be returned. The government will still retain the control of the LaGuaira railroad, but its administration will be left

Patriotic demonstrations took place again yesterday and to-day. The Venezuelans have decided also to boycott all goods manufactured in Germany and Great Britain and in all the stores notices are posted declaring that henceforth the owners will refuse to sell goods coming from those coun-

British Steamer Pillaged.

LaGuaira, Dec. 13.-The British teamer Topaze, from Cardiff, was seized by the rabble at Puerto Cabello Wed nesday and pillaged. The captain and with the secretary of the treasury an- crew were held as prisoners, but were eleased to-day and the steamer will sail at noon to-morrow for Cienfuegos. The German cruisers Falke and Panther have arrived here and the German training ship Slosch is cruising around outside on the lookout.

The steamer Prinze IV. entered the port at 2 o'clock this afternoon and and the attorney general is directed to discharged. She is now about to sail proceed against any concern making again. Other ships which arrived off he port this morning will proceed without communicating. A commission composed of leading mer-chants of Caracas has arrived here and has been on board the British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta. On the departure of the commission, the Vineta sailed for an unknown destination.

The fortress here has been evacuated and all the soldiers have left the town. The militia has ben called to mainiain order. All the drinking saloons and booths have been closed by order of the President.

The United States gunboat Marietta arrived to-day from Curacao and has anchored outside the harbor. CARACAS, Dec. 13.-It is now stated that Italy has handed to the Venezuelan government similar demands to

those made by Germany and Great Britain for the payment of her claims. Popular demonstrations continue here and the government is protecting the German legation in which Madam Von-Pilgrim-Baltazzi is lying ill. It is impossible to remove her to the United States legation.

Three thousand two hundred Venezuelan troops are in the neighborbood of LaGuaira.

Opinion in Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay had an early conference to-day concerning the Venezuelan situation. Both the President and the Secretary of State are of opinion that, unless there should be unexpected developments in the situation, the United States will not become seriously involved in the pending controversy. Over night dispatches received by the State Department were presented to the President. but were not made public at the execu-

London, Dec. 13.—Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon, according to official statements, nothing had been received at the Foreign Office anent the Venezuelan government asking Minister Bowen to act as arbitrator in the controversy between that country and Great Britain and Germany.

The United States embassy also was Without instructions or information regarding any Venezuelan matter.

GEORGIA COURT'S DECISION.

Regarded by the Christian Scientists as

a Vindication. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 13.-The Supreme Court of Georgia to-day handed down a decision which is regarded by Christian Scientists as a vindication. A citizen of Dublin, Gs., a Christian Scientist, refused to give medicine to his sick child. The child died and the father was arrested and fined \$300. The case was appealed to the State Supreme Court, which to-day reversed the judgment of the lower court. holding that failure to give medical attendance to children when ill is not a violation of the laws of the State.

MINISTER TO PERSIA,

Richmond Pearson, of North Carolina, Appointed to the Position.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-The President has selected Lloyd Griscom, Jr., now minister to Persis, to be minister to Japan, succeeding Mr. Buck, de-ceased. He also has selected Rich-mond Pearson, of North Carolins, at present consul general at Teheran, Persis, to succeed Mr. Griscom as min-ister to Persis. Mr. Pearson was formerly a representative in Congress.

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ECCENTRICITIES OF NEW YORK'S MOST NOTED SEXTON.

For Many Years He Ministered to the Aristocracy of the City at Grace Church, and His Name Adorns a Tablet on its Walls.

It used to be said that a stranger who was visiting New York for the first time and asked his hotel clerk for advice as to what he should do on Sunday morning would find his doubts quickly reduced to the alternative, "Go over to Brooklyn and hear Beecher" or "Go to Grace church and see Brown." No prelate of the Episcopal church was so widely known either in or beyond his New York diocese as this valiant guardian of old Grace, whose income, it was estimated, was greater than that of any man in the cloth and whose power in society was even more feared than that of any bishop.

He received his appointment as sexton from the Rev. Dr. Thomas House Taylor, and, while Dr. Taylor has been long forgotten, Sexton Brown is still almost as much remembered in the great city as Jim Fisk, A. T. Stewart or Charles Delmonico. Brown would cultivate the acquaint-

ance of head waiters and cooks, securing the latest information as to the social plans of their masters and mistresses, and whenever he learned that a party or a ball was under consideration he would offer his services to deliver the invitations or look after the comfort of the guests or superintend their arrival and departure in their carriages. Beginning in this humble way, it was not long before he gained the good will of distinguished patrons. His authoritative manner, too, was admirable for such occasions. Indeed the host himself could hardly issue a command to his menials with the suavely peremptory emphasis which Brown employed. Such was his deportment and such his trustworthy zeal that it was said that no one in Grace church could be properly feasted or buried or could even say his prayers without the assistance of Brown, and eventually it became something like a dictum in a large portion of society that nobody could be married in New York in truly first class style unless Brown's presence blessed the bridal party.

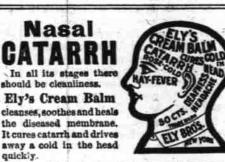
Nor did any detail that might be wanting for the personal comfort of the congregation escape his vigilant eye. It was a habit of old Peter Stuyvesant, for example, to keep in his pew thermometer. As soon as he had taken his seat he would consult it. One winter morning when the temperature was extremely low the furnaces of the church got out of order, and Brown's assistants were able to force through them only enough heat to lessen the chill a little. It occurred to Brown that the condition of the atmosphere would not be conducive to either the plety or the comfort of the aged Stuyvesant. in the porch of the church, he was shivering with the cold, but without attracting his attention Brown, who knew that the first thing he would do would be to step into his pew and examine the thermometer, slipped in ahead, pressed one of his fat fingers to the little glass bulb and chuckled as he saw the mercury ascend to 72. When Stuyvesant reached the pew, he consulted the thermometer as usual, looked around wonderingly, but evidently concluded that the church must be warm enough and that therefore it

must be himself who was cold. Brown's funeral was marked by much of the pomp and circumstance which he himself had so often provided for the rich and the great. The wits said that it was the first in forty years that had been a perfectly correct performance without his individual guidance. He had died in the little town of Brandford one August night in 1880. There he had been in the habit of taking his summer rest. He had been overcome by the heat while attending wedding at Brandford, and that summer he complained, probably for the first time in his life, of ill health. One of his orders was that his body should be placed in a casket of polished Span-

A more ponderous casket had never been carried up the aisle of Grace church. It was rich with silver and velvet. It was so heavy-its interior being large enough for two ordinary corpses-that the eight Knights Templars who bore it into the church almost staggered with their burden. Upon it lay their cocked hats with waving ostrich plumes. Within the chancel stood four of the clergy, in the pews were the representatives of some of the proudest familles of the city, and a long line of men and women filed into the church showing all the signs of sorrow for an old friend and neighbor. On the left hand side of Grace church

as one turns after entering the porch under the bell tower and near where Brown was wont for more than a generation to take his station every Sun day is a shining brass tablet. It was there placed by members of the congregation in token of him who is described upon it as "The Faithful Sexton" and whom they 'gladly recall for his fidelity, his generosity and his stainless integrity." It is next to the bas-relief which commemorates the virtues of the Illustrious Cadwallader D. Colden, once mayor of New York-what greater posthumous glory would Brown have craved?--aud is not less conspicuous than the old tablet on the opposite side which was erected to the memory of Henry Brevoort, whose family was derived in "upbroken descent from the colonists of New Netherlands."-Ladies' Home Journal.

Schooner W. S. Jordan, Captain Rich, from Norfolk for New Bedford with a cargo of soft coal, went ashore in a fog near Cape May, N. J. The crew were rescued by life savers. The vessel will probably be a total loss.



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that they must not be compelled to eat

terrapin more than twice a week. To-

day a barrel is cheap at \$800, and mil-

lionaires travel hundreds of miles for

a chance to feast on this most deli-

Of course this means genuine dia-

mond backs. There are many imita-

Every first class restaurant in the

country features "terrapin a la Mary-

land" on its menu, but in not one case

out of a hundred is the real terrapin

served. The diner regales himself on

what he believes to be Maryland's

choicest dish. Instead he is merely

eating fresh water turtles, "sliders" or

The reason is simple. Restaurateurs

don't serve real diamond backs be-

cause they can't get them. The world's

total terrapin population does not ex-

ceed 25,000 of legal size, and these are

confined to the shores of the Chesa-

peake bay, the only place that produces

Baltimere, Philadelphia and New

York enjoy a monopoly. These three

cities get practically the entire output, but few ever find their way across the

Blue Ridge. The epicure unfortunate

enough to be born in Chicago or St.

Louis must either come east or forego

To select a real diamond back ama-

teurs should be guided by these distin-

It is of a greenish, dark olive color,

sometimes running to spotted gray,

yellow on the plate which surrounds

the shell and has concentric dark

stripes along the plate on both shells. The sides of the head are a dirty white,

sprinkled with small black spots. The

The males are much larger than the

females and have the concentric streaks

much better defined. The female has

the more delicate flesh. The male can

be distinguished by his toe nails, which

are much longer than those of the fe-

TWINKLINGS.

- "Do you believe that egotism

- At an inquest on a case of

suicide recently held in England the

foreman returned this remarkable ver-

dict: "The jury are all of one mind-

- Student, reading "Virgil"-

Three times I strove to cast my arms

around her neck"-that's as far as I

got, professor. Professor-Well, sir,

- "Don't you think that young

Hunker wants to marry Miss Dollvers

for her money?" asked Hojack "I think so," replied Tomdik. "I heard

him say that he loved her for all she's

- The Householder-Here, my

good man, is a dime. Now please go

away. The Musician-Ach! But for

den cends ve only blay. Id is a ker-vareer to go avay. Val?-Chicago

Hardened Cynic, "that about the time

a man's children get to be almost half

as bad as he was when he was a boy

he begins to howl about the world's

falling into a hole is the number of

people who gather on the bank to

point out the routes you could have

taken to avoid falling in .- Atchison.

ushers offer my picture for sale at any one dollar each," said the conceited

actor. "Why not sell them at their

face value?" suggested Mr. Caittick

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W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

'Make it 30 cents."-Phila. Press.

"I was thinking of having the

- One of the worst things about

growing worse."-Chicago Tribune.

- "I have noticed," said the

worth."-Judge.

Kan. Globe.

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temporarily insane."—Law Notes.

and genius go together?" 'Not al-

ways. There would be a lot more

genius if they did."-Chicago Record

bottom shell is of whitish yellow.

guishing and characteristic markings:

"North Carolina goldens."

the joys of terrapin.

them.

cious of all meats.

Then they sold for \$1 a barrel, and

Their Guns Commanding the Town and Fortresses at La Guaira, Venezuela.

BLOCKADE ESTABLISHED.

Several Merchant Ships Prevented Prom Entering the Harbor-Another Venezuelan Gunboat Captured by a German Warship.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LAGUAIRA, VENEZUELA, Dec. 13 .-British cruiser Charybdis, flying Commodore Montgomery's flag, the German cruiser Vineta and the German training ship Slosch, arrived here today and have taken positions commanding the town and fortresses. Several merchant men, the Dutch steamer Prinz Willem IV., the British steamer of the Harrison Line and a royal mail steamer arrived off the port to-day, but were prevented from entering the harbor by the captain of the British cruiser Indefatigable who said he would not be responsible for what might happen if the vessels were allowed to enter. The steamers applied for lighters to enable them to discharge their cargoes, but the request

might enter the port as usual there being no reason for their remaining outside. Another Gunboat Captured. All ammunition is being removed

rom the fortresses and barracks here

and taken to Caracas and it is appa-

was refused by the customs house au-

thorities, who declared the vessels

rently the intention of the government to abandon the town. The German cruiser Vineta yester day captured near Guanta the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador, formerly George J. Gould's yacht Atalanta. crew from the Vineta was put aboard and the captured vessel was sent to

Trinidad. Castro Seems Determined.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-One more step toward the complete severance of relations between Venezuela and the allies who are seeking to punish her was taken to-day in the withdrawal of the Venezuelan consul from Port of Spain, Trinidad, by orders of the government. Notice of the fact came to the State Department from United States Consul Smith at Port of Spain. It is presumed that Venezuela has sent out similar orders to all of her other consuls in British and German posses sions to withdraw from their posts. These withdrawals would not be particularly serious, but from the fact that they indicate a purpose on the part of President Castro to proceed to mes in his quarrel with the allies. Department has not The State been advised of the rejection of

the dispute as transmitted through Minister Bowen. Secretary Hay had a busy time today conferring with senators and representatives who already are beginning to show anxiety as to the Vene-zuelan situation. No one was able to suggest how the attitude of the State Department could be improved at this

President Castro's proposal to arbitrate

moment. Advices From Berlin.

BERLIN, Dec. 13-President Castro's reply to the German ultimatum is refusal to yield on any point. The Foreign Office has not yet re ceived the text of President Castro's reply, but only a bulletin from the German charge d'affaires, Herr Von-Pilgrim-Baltazzi, dated December 10th, announcing that the president's answer had been placed in his hands that day and that the Venezuelan executive refused to yield to the German demand on all points. This telegram, with the text of the reply, was fired at Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad With this exception, the Foreign Office has received no word since yesterday to indicate that the situation has grown worse. A landing in force is not considered probable under any contingency. The orders to blockade the coast stand, and that is all the naval commanders for the present are authorized to do. And proposition that Min-ister Bowen might make in behalf of President Castro would be received in good spirit and carefully considered, out of regard for the channel of transmission; but no proposition to arbitrate has yet reached Berlin. Neither is the Foreign Office aware that the United States has made so far any suggestion to arbitrate. Herr Von-Pilgrim-Baltazzi is still on board a British vessel in the harbor of LaGuaira.

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In buying your toys we would ask ; fail to make a sale. you to compare our prices with other's prices. In dolls, we have the handsomest line we have ever had. Nicjointed dolls, 14 inches long, at 25 each: 15-inch kid dolls at 25c each; kid dolis with hair at 12c each. Very handsome handwork dolls, with natural hair and sewed wigs, jointed, or \$1.00, \$1.70 and \$2.00. With long flowing curly hair and movable eyes, as pretty as a dream, at \$2.75 and \$3.50 each. For the boys, air rifles, foot balls, games, express wagons, drums and plenty of fireworks of all kinds. And the best thing of all, we have a big stock of Boys' Clothing that we bought at 25 per cent. less than value. An all wool suit, nicely made up, as low as \$2.00 and up to \$5.00; 500 suits to select from. In Boys' Pants, we have the best stock we have ever had, made from mill ends of American Woollen Company's cloths, every pair made with tape seams throughout and warranted not to rip. We sell them for 50c a pair. A nice line of Boys' White Laundried Waists at

50c; heavy Cheviot Waists at 25c Ladies' ready-to-wear Hats-We are having a regular Hatsale; a very large line that we are selling at less than manufacturer's cost. Nice pretty hats at 48c; regular \$1.50 bats for 75c and 89c; our \$1 hats are \$2 values. In this line we consider we are selling them at

Received to-day, a big line of birds and parrots—good black parrots 50c each; large birds are 69c and 98c each. In veilings we have loss of different styles; chiffon veilings with dots at 25c per yard, in all colors, pretty silk veiling for 10c per yard.

In ladies' Cloaks we have had a phenomenal success this season; we have carried the stock of the town Just re ceived, 21 new cloaks to-day. Our prices are what counts-when a customer gives us an opportunity to show our goods and make a price we never

suit anywhere from \$1.98 to \$12.50; we would like for you to look at them before you buy elsewhere. Men's Overcoats, we have all grades and kinds, all prices, from \$3 to \$12 50 each. We also have a line of Rubber Clothing; men's water-proof coats, rubber lined, at \$1 50 each; Mackintoshes, with cape, at \$1.39 each; Ladies' Gossamers at \$2.50 and \$3.50 each; a workirgman's coat for rainy weather at

\$1.50 each; a doctor's or sea captain's cout, absolutely water proof, for \$5. We want to impress on your mind that while we handle a big line of toys and holiday goods we also hardle a big line of other goods for every purpose and we punch cards and give you presents free. Come and see us.

We have good beaver coats in red,

blue, tan and black, at \$2.98. A line of

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In furs we are showing a nice assort-

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line of very fine Trunks that would

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our sales have been the best we have

ever known. In this department we

credit our great success to the style,

quality and fit of our goods and the

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